

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 30, 2009 and Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated July 23, 2009, reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is requested in light of the following amendments. A request for continued examination accompanies this paper.

**Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.